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For: NOVEL IMMUNOGLOBULIN SUPER FAMILY MEMBERS APEX-1, APEX-2, AND APEX-3 AND USES THEREOF

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 10, line 17, please add -SEQ ID NO. 43 - after DYKDDDDK.

At page 72, line 15, add -SEQ ID NO. 44—after MPMGSLQPLATLYLLGMLVASCLG.

At page 72, line 16, please add -SEQ ID NO. 43—after DYKDDDDK.

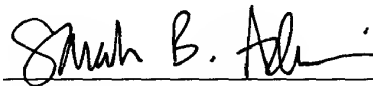
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REMARKS

The changes in the specification do not involve new matter and entry of them is respectfully requested. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone her at the number provided below.

No additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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